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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Association's Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for nomination for SLA's Spring 1991 elections. All Association members are invited and encouraged to submit names and qualifications of individuals they would like to have considered for President-Elect, Treasurer, Chapter Cabinet Chair-Elect, Division Cabinet Chair-Elect and Directors to:

Frank H. Spaulding
Chair
SLA 1991 Nominating Committee
910 River Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Members of the 1991 Nominating Committee are: Frank H. Spaulding, Chair; Malcolm C. Hamilton, Paul M. Kleinfelter, Rue E. Olson and Susan J. Shepherd.

Names of recommended individuals must be submitted by May 1, 1990.

Sci-Tech News, Spring 1965.

The burning issue of the times was the question of whether or not the Sci-Tech Division should divest itself of its eight sections: Aerospace; Chemistry; Engineering; Nuclear Science; Paper and Textiles; Petroleum; Pharmaceutical; and Public Utilities. Their total membership was around 2,600, which was nearly 57% of the entire SLA. About that time Sci-Tech Division members had voted approval of a proviso to the effect that a member could belong to only one section, which brought a drop in membership totals for most of the sections.

The issue contained 11 pages of letters to the Editor (surely an all-time record), mostly on this issue. Writers included many prominent members; there was an even split on the idea of encouraging sections to become divisions. Herb White favored Fred Oxtoby's proposal for having the sections become divisions, then creating a federation of similar divisions within SLA.

Some creative plans were proposed; Walter Kee suggested that SLA reorganize itself into 4 divisions: Business/Finance; Social Sciences; Technology; and Science. Each existing section would continue as sections in the new divisions. Sci-Tech News would continue to be published by the Science and Technology Divisions.

Interestingly enough, the viability of STN was discussed in several letters; few, if any, favored its demise.